GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FM BROADCASTING STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether FM Broadcasting licences were issued to forty selected cities in the country as on March 31, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of FM stations started so far;

(d) whether several of these FM stations have not commenced their Broadcast;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the final time limit given for the licence holders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): In the first phase, Tenders for FM Broadcasting through Private Agencies wasinvited for 40 selected cities. License Agreements have been signed with 16 companies for 19 centres, as per details in ANNEXURE.

(c): M/s. Music Broadcast Private Limited has informed that they have operationalisedtheir FM Station at Bangalore on 3rd July, 2001.

(d), (e) & (f): According to License Agreement, the licensees are required to complete the installation of the broadcast facility and commission the service within 12 months from the date of frequency ear-marking by Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing, Ministry of Communications.